Record Nr. UNINA9910964321103321 Autore Manning Christel Titolo Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents Are Raising Their Children / / Christel Manning Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: NYU Press., 2015 Baltimore, Md.:,: Project MUSE,, 2021 ©2015 **ISBN** 9781479869367 1479869368 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (0 p.) Collana Secular studies 211/.7085 Disciplina Soggetti Religious education of children Religion Non-church-affiliated people Religious education of children - United States Non-church-affiliated people - United States **United States** United States Religion Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Who are the Nones? -- What do Nones believe and practice? -- The Nota di contenuto importance of time -- The importance of place -- What are we, mom? -- The meaning of choice in religion -- The risks and benefits of raising children without religion. The fastest growing religion in America is—none! One fifth of Sommario/riassunto Americans now list their religion as "none," up from only 7 percent two decades ago. Among adults under 30, those poised to be the parents of the next generation, fully one third are religiously unaffiliated. Yet these "Nones," especially parents, still face prejudice in a culture where religion is widely seen as good for your kids. What do Nones believe, and how do they negotiate tensions with those convinced that they ought to provide their children with a religious upbringing? Drawing on

survey data and in-depth personal interviews with religiously

unaffiliated parents across the country, Christel Manning provides important demographic data on American "Nones" and offers critical nuance to our understanding of the term. She shows that context is crucial in understanding how those without religious ties define themselves and raise their families. Indeed, she demonstrates that Nones hold a wide variety of worldviews, ranging from deeply religious to highly secular, and transmit them in diverse ways. What ties them all together is a commitment to spiritual choice—a belief in the moral equivalence of religions and secular worldviews and in the individual's right to choose—and it is that choice they seek to pass on to their children. The volume weaves in stories from the author's interviews throughout, showing how non-religious parents grapple with pressure from their community and how they think about religious issues. Engagingly written and thoroughly researched, Losing Our Religion will appeal to scholars, parents, and anyone interested in understanding the changing American religious landscape.